has been completed. However, Nowraugpur is not one of the district covered under DPEP in Orissa.

Inclusion of Kerala's College in UGC List

4532. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that S.N.M. College, Maliankera, Kerala, had requested for inclusion of the college under section 2 (f) of UGC list;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken on the request;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to include this college under Section 2 (f) of U.G.C. list in the near future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration of the University Grants Commission.

Model code of Governance for Universities

4533. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the UGC to develop a model code of governance which would minimise political interference and improve academic standards in the Universities;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most Universities systems have collapsed or are on the verge of collapsing and decline in standards having grave implications;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the remedial steps taken so far; and

(d) whether Government propose to set-up an education Commission to look into the actual problems of University students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of National Policy on Education, Government and UGC have taken several measures to improve academic standards in the Universities. Some of the major steps taken for the purpose are as follows:—

—Revision of pay scales of college and University teachers w.e.f. 1.1.1986. Opportunities provided for training and career advancement for teachers. All India Eligibility Test introduced to attract best talent to the teaching profession.

—Academic staff colleges established for re-roientation of newly appointed university and college teachers.

—27 Curriculum Development Centres in Sciences and Humanities established to modernise curricula. Model curricula has been prepared for 27 disciplines in under-graduate and post-graduate courses.

—Financial assistance provided by UGC for improvement of teaching and research under Special Assistance Programmes.

—Inter-University Centres established by UGC to provide front-line facilities and services for advancement of research in the university system.

—Higher priority given to grant of autonomy to selected colleges.

—Guidelines for implementation of an Academic Calendar circulated. These guidelines emphasize observance of at least 180 teaching days by universities/ colleges.

—Regulations for minimum standards for the award of first degree, minimum working days etc. notified by UGC.

(d) Does not arise.